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**REFORMING SOCIETY DISCUSSED AT SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY
CONSTITUTIONAL PROGRAM**

Ongoing Civic Programs Foster Public Conversation about the Constitution

SAN DIEGO –The San Diego Public Library will host the lecture *Reforming Society: Politics and Government from the Progressive Era to the Present*, a lecture presented by Professor Miranda McGowan of University of San Diego School of Law on Wednesday, October 24, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at the Central Library located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego.

One of six lectures on amendments to the U.S. Constitution, Professor McGowan will speak on societal reforms through constitutional means from late 19th through the 20th centuries. This program is presented in conjunction with the months long library project, *Searching for Democracy: A Public Conversation about the Constitution* sponsored by Cal Humanities.

Searching for Democracy brings together people from diverse backgrounds to attend and discuss the Constitution at programs including lectures, book discussions, films, digital stories, and performance. Young and old, rich and poor, new citizens and long-term residents will have the opportunity to openly explore the understanding of our American heritage and citizenry. The endeavor will also afford individual library patrons a greater understanding of the Library's vast collection of Constitution related titles and digital resources.

Professor McGowan teaches and writes in the areas of employment discrimination, constitutional law, and race and gender identity. She is currently researching and writing on the nature of group identity and its relationship to constitutional protection from discrimination, on claims by originalists that a constitutional prohibition on sex discrimination is consistent with the original meaning of the 14th Amendment, and on how a more accurate understanding of the similarities between men and women should guide legal doctrine and public policy. Professor McGowan participates in the popular conversation, most recently publishing an op-ed article in the *Union-Tribune*: "Obamacare's Day in Court: What Kind of Conservatism Will Win?"

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Learn about the Constitution series and other events at the San Diego Public Library's Central Library and 35 branches, find links to numerous additional resources, or search for materials in the Library's catalog online at www.sandiegolibrary.gov.

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